



Promoting Transportation Solutions for a Better New Hampshire

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Jim Gauthier
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Dear Jim,

Thank you very much for taking the time to meet with Mark Riley and me on Tuesday, March 3rd to update you on the activities of the Granite State Clean Cities Coalition's (GSCCC). As you know, more than half of the air pollution in the Northeast is generated by motor vehicles. The US Department of Energy's (DOE) Clean Cities program seeks to reduce air pollution, increase energy security, and support our local economy through use of cleaner vehicle technologies. The GSCCC is one of approximately 90 coalitions established through the Clean Cities program, working to develop public/private partnerships to promote alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles, use of fuel blends, increased fuel economy, and idle reduction technologies and practices.

In the past year our GSCCC partnership has grown to 53 private sector and 26 public sector stakeholders who share the common goals of reducing dependence on foreign oil as well as reducing emissions through the use of cleaner burning, domestically produced alternative fuel and alternative fuel technologies. This includes the expansion of the UNH compressed natural gas infrastructure, and new opportunities for biodiesel infrastructure in the state including production using second generation feedstocks, a new biodiesel blending facility, and additional stations offering biodiesel at the pump. It is very exciting to see the use of alternative fuels continue to grow as we look for new ways to address barriers that must be overcome to allow alternative fuels to become commonplace.

The Clean Cities program is critical to New Hampshire's efforts to advance environmental stewardship, energy security, and economic development. Based on data from DOE, no other program, government or private, has the potential to do more to reduce our dependence on imported oil. Support of the Clean Cities program at the national level provides support for GSCCC stakeholders and it is critical to the advancement of new technologies in New Hampshire. The \$25 million in funding appropriated in HR 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations bill will provide critical support for the Clean Cities coalitions nationwide as they guide the development of alternative fuel infrastructure, and educate both the public and private sector on



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available alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles. We hope this level of funding will be maintained as the Bill works through the Senate.

We greatly appreciate Senator Gregg's support for renewable energy and advanced technology and it was indeed a pleasure to meet with you. Please feel free to contact me at (603) 271-6751 or barbara.bernstein@des.nh.gov, should you need information on fuel or vehicle technology issues. We look forward to working with Senator Gregg to bring cleaner vehicles, cleaner fuels, and jobs to New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

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